Mountain Weather Forecast

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Saturday 08 May 2021 until 23:59 on Sunday 09 May 2021

Forecast Issued on Friday 07 May 2021 at 13:59 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for a wet and windy spell through Saturday and for a return to showery conditions from Sunday. The main uncertainty relates to the frequency and intensity of showers.

Headline for Saturday 08 May 2021: Cold, increasingly windy with outbreaks of rain and snow.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 08 May 2021

Blizzards Medium Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** Low Likelihood	**Storm force winds** Low Likelihood
Gales High Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** High Likelihood	**Poor visibility** High Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)	Cloudy	Cloudy	Heavy snow	Light snow	Fog	Fog
Precipitation probability							
00%	00%	10%	30%	60%	50%	30%	10%

Forecast for Saturday 08 May 2021

Weather: Clear skies through the early hours then a bright start. A band of rain (snow above 600m initially, rising to 800m) pushes northwards from late morning, clearing northwards by evening. Blizzard conditions expected above munro level with some heavy rain affecting lower slopes, mainly in the east.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 80% falling almost zero by early afternoon.

Visibility: Some areas of cloud above 600m expected across the south and east through morning, otherwise no issues until cloud sets in more widely by early afternoon, this fallling to 400-600m. Whiteout conditions likely on highest slopes during snow and widely hazy on lower ground in rain, especially in east.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	8/11 SE	14/18 SE	23/29 SE	32/42 SE	39/52 SE	45/60 SE	36/48 SE	15/20 SE	14/18 S
900	7/9 SE	9/13 SE	16/22 SE	28/39 SE	38/51 SE	46/60 SE	36/47 SE	15/20 SE	10/14 S
600	3/4 SE	2/4 S	6/9 NE	16/26 S	26/39 SE	27/41 SE	14/26 SE	8/13 S	5/8 SW
300	2/3 E	2/4 S	3/6 NE	9/20 E	14/30 SE	9/21 E	9/19 E	3/6 SE	2/5 SW
Glen	1/3 N	1/4 SE	2/6 E	6/16 E	7/20 E	6/21 E	7/20 E	2/7 E	2/8 S

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-6/-11	-6/-13	-5/-13	-4/-13	-4/-14	-4/-14	-3/-12	-2/-8	-1/-7
900	-2/-6	-2/-7	-1/-8	-0/-8	-0/-9	-0/-10	0/-8	2/-3	2/-2
600	1/-1	0/-2	0/-3	2/-3	2/-4	2/-5	2/-3	3/0	3/1
300	2/0	-0/-2	2/-0	6/2	6/2	5/2	4/1	4/3	3/2
Glen	1/1	-0/-2	0/-1	7/4	7/5	6/4	6/3	5/4	3/2
Freezing Level*	600m	500m	500m	700m	800m	800m	900m	1300m	1400m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Best conditions expected early morning. Be aware of fast deteriorating conditions from the south. Wind speeds closer to 80mph across highest ground.

Forecast for Sunday 09 May 2021

Weather: Changeable conditions through the day as scattered showers develop widely but there will also be some sunshine, especially through morning. Afternoon showers are likely to be on the heavy side with a risk of thunder.

Maximum wind: Southeast 15-25mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 60%.

Visibility: Patches of cloud above 700m through morning will thicken for a time through midday before lifting and breaking. Some patches of cloud will accompany showers down to around 500m.

Temperature: **Glens:** 3-5C rising 11-13C.
At 800m: 3C rising 6C.
Freezing level: 1200m rising well above all summits.

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